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An open letter from the VITA President

Dear TIP-trained practitioners

RE: VITA coverage of TIP-trained practitioners

The Veterans' Indemnity and Training Association Inc (VITA) provides access to professional indemnity insurance at an affordable cost for members of ex-service organisations and incorporated groups who provide advice and advocacy services to members of the ex-service community about government pensions, benefits and community support services.

VITA also maintains an insurance policy providing basic protection for VITA members' advocates for accidents that occur at a client meeting, while travelling to and from a client meeting, or at an ATDP/TIP training session.

VITA supports and recognises advocates under the Advocacy Training and Development Program (ATDP) and the Training and Information Program (TIP). These programs deliver the training and currency needed for advocates to meet the requirements of the professional indemnity insurer.

VITA's mission is to ensure that advocates are not putting their personal assets at risk when providing advice and assistance to veterans and their families. VITA insurance will continue to cover our members' TIP-trained practitioners until everyone who wishes to undertake recognition of prior learning (RPL) has had the opportunity to attend an RPL session and has achieved accreditation under the ATDP.

This means that there is no set cut-off date for VITA insurance coverage of TIP-trained practitioners. However, all practitioners are encouraged to seek RPL as soon as it is offered at their level, as there will be a time beyond which cover for TIP-trained practitioners can no longer be extended. This is because VITA rules require regular refresher training to maintain currency, and TIP refresher training has ceased. There is information about the availability of RPL over the page.

Yours sincerely

Dennis Mitchell

President

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TIP Level	RPL Level	Availability of RPL
1	Level 1 RPL	Level 1 RPL will be available in mid-2017.
2	Level 2 RPL	<p>Level 2 RPL is available now.</p> <p>Please register using the link on the ATDP website: www.atdp.org.au</p>
3	Level 3 RPL	<p>Level 3 RPL will be available later in 2017.</p> <p>However, Level 2 RPL is a part of Level 3 RPL, so Level 3 advocates are encouraged to nominate for Level 2 RPL now as this will speed up their Level 3 RPL later one.</p>
4	Level 4 RPL	<p>Level 4 RPL will be available in the first half of 2018.</p> <p>However, Level 2 RPL is a part of Level 4 RPL, so Level 4 advocates are encouraged to nominate for Level 2 RPL now as this will speed up their Level 4 RPL later one.</p>